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**SURVEY ON OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS IN  
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**  
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**DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS SURVEY**

**Occupational program:** For this survey, an occupational program is defined as a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for an occupation (e.g., nurses' aide) that typically requires education below the baccalaureate level. A non-credit occupational program may consist of only one course or more than one course.

**Skill competency:** A skill competency is a concept, skill, or attitude that is essential to an occupation; the level of attainment or performance established for a skill competency is a skill standard. In this survey, we use the term "skill competencies" to refer to both skill competencies and skill standards.

**Note:** This questionnaire asks about occupational programs and courses taken by postsecondary students. If your school offers any programs and courses that are taken only by other types of students (e.g., only secondary students), do not include those programs and courses.

LABEL

IF ABOVE INSTITUTION INFORMATION IS INCORRECT, PLEASE UPDATE DIRECTLY ON LABEL.

Name of person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. For each of the following occupations for which your institution offers a program in the school year 1998-1999:
- Indicate in **column A** whether non-credit courses are offered in the occupational program.
  - Indicate in **column B** whether courses are offered for credit in the occupational program.
  - Indicate in **columns under C** what procedures are used to ensure that the courses teach relevant job skills.  
(Procedures may not be the same for all occupation areas.)

[illegible]

3. For each of the occupations for which your institution offers an **occupational program** in 1998-1999:
- Indicate in **column A** whether a list of **skill competencies** has been developed or adopted for the program.
  - Indicate which one of the **columns under B** best describes how educators and industry (business, labor, and/or employers) were involved in developing or adopting the competencies. (Involvement may not be the same for all programs.)

[illegible]

4. For each of the occupations for which your institution offers an **occupational program** in 1998-1999:

- Indicate in **column A** whether that program is accredited by an industry, business, or trade organization (e.g., the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation).
- Indicate in **columns under B** what credentials students in each program can work toward. (For example, if a nursing program prepares students to take a state licensing exam, check that a "state registration, license, or certificate" is available.) Include credentials that may be attained through non-credit courses.

Occupation area/ occupation	A. Check if program is accredited by industry, business, or trade	B. Credentials that students in each program can work toward:				
		Associate's degree	Institutional certificate/ diploma	State registration, license, or certificate	Industry/ trade certificate or diploma	Company certificate (e.g., NOVELL)
		(Check ALL that apply in each row.)				
<b>Business &amp; Marketing Occupations</b>						
a. Accountant/bookkeeper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Administrative assistant/secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Restaurant/food service manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Sales associate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Technical &amp; Mechanical Occupations</b>						
a. AC/heating/refrigeration repair technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Auto body repairer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Automotive mechanic/technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Computer programmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Computer graphic designer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Computer technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Electronics technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Engineering technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Drafter or CADD operator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Machinist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Building Trades</b>						
a. Bricklayer or mason	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Electrician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Plumber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Welder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Health/Life Sciences Occupations</b>						
a. Emergency medical technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Medical or dental assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Nurses' aide or home health aide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Licensed practical (vocational) nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Registered nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Medical/life science lab technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Agriscience technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Veterinary assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Service Occupations</b>						
a. Chef/cook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Cosmetologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Childcare worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Teachers' aide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Paralegal/legal assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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